BANGALORE CITY MUNICIPALITY.

No. 32.

PROCEEDINGS OF AN ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BANGALORE, HELD ON SATURDAY THE 6TH FEBRUARY 1926, AT 8 A.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Members.

Present ... 25 | Absent ... 5.

1. The proceedings of the Council Meetings dated 4th, 16th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 30th January 1926 were read and recorded.

2. Mr. C. N. Narasinga Rao said that under Rule 2 (b) of rules regulating the conduct of business, the special meeting which was called for on Saturday the 30th January 1926, but which could not go on for want of an quorum should be held to-day. The President ruled that for want of notice the subject could not be taken up.

3. Letters from Messers. B. V. Krishniengar and G. Paramasiviah, expressing their inability to attend this meeting were read and recorded. It was suggested that as regards the absence of Mr. B. V. Krishniengar from the Municipal Council meetings, a note as to the legal aspect of the question be put up.

URGENT SUBJECTS.

1. To consider memo No. 1171, dated 2nd February 1926, from the Executive Engineer, Water Supply Division, forwarding for countersignature and return, an estimate for Rs. 1,50,000 for pumping water from Yelemallappa Chetti Tank on the Hoskote Road to the Jewell Filters, Bangalore.

The letter and the detailed report accompanying it were read at length for the information of the Councillors. Mr. Belur Srinivasiengar said that the subject might be considered after a statement as to the financial position of the Municipality is placed before the Council.

Mr. W. H. Hanumanthappa said that a scheme propounded by Dr. W. Smeeth, some years back, for tapping large and unfailing expanse of water 300 feet below the ground level might be investigated. The President said that it was altogether a different matter which the Municipal Engineer might investigate separately.

Further consideration of the question was then deferred to the next meeting pending the preparation of a final statement.

The interpellations of Mr. B. L. Byanna regarding (1) the estimates for improving the Mysore Road and (2) the application of Messrs. S. M. Ebrahim & Co., for the installation of a petrol pump in front of their shop in the New Market were read and answered.

No. 34.

PROCEEDINGS OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BANGALORE, HELD ON TUESDAY THE 9TH FEBRUARY 1926, AT 5 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Members.

Present ... 19 | Absent ... 11.

Mr. N. Sanjiviah observed that notice of this meeting was not sent to the Councillors that even the notice put upon the notice board did not specify the nature of business to be transacted and that therefore this meeting cannot be held. Mr. C. N. Narasinga Rao pointed out that under Clause 7, Section 26 of the Municipal Regulation, a notice was put upon the notice board, that this meeting was quite in order and that it could transact business. The President over ruled Mr. Sanjiviah's objection and said that the meeting was duly constituted.

Further Consideration of Urgent Subject No. 1.

Mr. M. L. Narasimha Iyengar, Assistant Engineer, Water Supply Division, was present by special invitation.

Urgent Subject No. 1.—To consider memo No. 1171, dated 2nd February 1926, from the Executive Engineer, Water Supply Division, forwarding for counter signature and return, an estimate for Rs. 1,50,000 for pumping water from Yelemallappa Chetti Tank on the Hoskote Road to the Jewell Filters. Also a statement of the financial position of the Municipality at present.

At the request of the President, the Assistant Engineer explained the present situation and also the details of the proposal to improve water supply.

Resolution.—After some discussion of the subject, the following resolutions proposed by Mr. C. Hayavadana Rao and seconded by Mr. V. A. Krishnamurthi Mudaliar, were carried unanimously.—

(*a*) Resolved that the estimate for Rs. 1,50,000 received from the Executive Engineer, Water Supply Division, Bangalore, with his letter No. 1171, dated 2nd February 1926, for pumping water from Yelamallappa Chetti Tank on the Hoskote Road to the Jewell Filters be countersigned and sent to him, in view of the extreme urgency of the works proposed to be undertaken by him in the interests of the City's water supply, subject to Government contributing 50 percent of the City Municipal share of this estimate.

(*b*) Resolved further that Government be forthwith addressed in the matter of the total expenditure incurred and to be incurred by this Municipality in connection with the existing water scarcity in the City, aggregating so far to about Rs. 1,41,319 as detailed below and they be requested, in the extraordinary circumstances in which this expenditure has been and is being incurred by this Municipality in this metropolitan City, to grant a special subvention of a moiety of the total expenditure so far incurred and hereafter to be incurred in the matter of the City's water supply, including the expenditure incurred on *wells' work*, during the period of the water scarcity.

		Rs.
1.	Compensation payable to land owners below the Dod Tumkur Tank. (*vide* Council Resolution dated 7th November 1925). Payable from Municipal Funds	12,500
2.	Compensation payable to the raiyats holding lands under the Madbure and Kolathur Tanks for letting down water to the Hessarghatta Lake. (*vide* Council resolution dated 3rd December 1925). Payable from Municipal Funds	22,385
3.	For repairing old wells and sinking new wells and pumping water from the existing wells, etc., in the City to improve the water supply in the City under the charge of the Special Engineer for Wells' Works, (Up to end of 9th February 1926.) Municipal Funds	31,434
4.	Estimate for pumping water from Yelamallappa Chetti Tank on the Hoskote Road to the Jewell Filters. Estimate amounting to Rs. 1,50,000 (Payable from Municipal Funds) ...	75,000
	Total	1,41,319

(*c*) Resolved also that Government be requested to view the above representation of the Municipality for a fifty per cent special subvention favourably, as this Council has to meet a large expenditure on the normal water supply scheme approved by the Government, both capital and recurring, as per orders of Government in this behalf.

Urgent Subject No. 2.—To consider memo No. 2142, dated 4th February 1926, from the Municipal Engineer in charge of Wells' Work, requesting sanction to an additional grant of Rs 21,434 for well works, inclusive of the temporary establishment, entertained therefor till the end of April 1926.

Resolution.—Sanctioned. As the expenditure cannot be met from the grants already sanctioned by reappropriation, etc., an application be made to Government for additional allotment from fixed Deposits.

ORDINARY SUBJECTS.

4. To sanction an estimate received from Messrs. P. Orr and Sons, for Rs. 3,000 for the construction of an hour striking clock with 2 opal dials of 48 inches diameter to be fitted to the northern and southern parapet walls of the New Market Frontage.

Resolution.—Sanctioned.

5. To accept a tender for the construction of Grain Bazaar.

Resolution.—After some discussion as to the procedure adopted this time in not mentioning the names of the different tenderers in the comparative statement circulated among the members, the President opened the sealed cover containing the tenders and read out the names of the contractors and the amounts for which they had tendered. There were six tenders.

Mr. P. Subbarama Chetty proposed and Mr. S. Venkatarangiengar seconded that the lowest tender be accepted. This was put to vote and carried. 10 voting 'For' and 3 'Against'.

Accordingly the tender of Subba Reddy and Munisami for Rs. 35,815-10-7 was accepted, being the lowest.

Meeting adjourned to Saturday the 13th February 1926 at 8 A.M. for want of time.

No. 35.

PROCEEDINGS OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BANGALORE, HELD ON SATURDAY THE 13TH FEBRUARY 1926, AT 8 A.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Members.

Present	... 20	Absent	... 10

As this meeting did not require a quorum, the President commenced business punctually at 8 A.M., though there were only 4 or 5 Councillors present in the Council Chamber.

Mr. Nilgiri Sanjiviah raised an objection that this meeting did require a quorum and that the notice for this meeting announcing that it did not require a quorum under clause 7, Section 25 of the Municipal Regulation was incorrect.

The President gave a ruling that the notice was perfectly correct and that this meeting could go on without a quorum.

By this time, there were present more than 10 members.

Mr. N. V. Kalyanapur's letter expressing his inconvenience to be present to-day was read and recorded.

Continuation of Ordinary Subjects on the Agenda.

13. To record protest petitions against the grant of a site to the Chamber of Commerce in the maidan close to the Mahila Seva Samaja.

Resolution.—There was some discussion as to whether these petitions should be merely recorded or whether they should be forwarded to Government. Votes were taken and 11 councillors voted for forwarding the petitions to Government and 4 against it.

14. To sanction the acquisition of the following properties, as per recommendation of the Municipal City Improvement Committe, dated 23rd January 1926.—

(1) A tiled roof verandah measuring about 60½ square yards on the Gundopanth Street for the construction of Grain Bazaar.

Resolution.—Acquisition sanctioned. (Votes.—14 'For' and 2 'Against'.) Immediate steps to be taken to acquire this property.

(3) Property No. 62, situated to the east of Avenue Road, at its entrance in the market square measuring 40 square yards, reserving the right of the Municipal Council to the compensation amount, the adjudication of which is pending in the Civil Court. The object of the acquisition is to complete the formation of Market Circus.

Resolution.—The acquisition is sanctioned, Immediate steps to be taken to institute Land Acquisition Proceedings.

15. To confirm the sale of Municipal land adjoining site No. 543. Malleswaram, for Rs. 255 regarding which a protest petition dated 23rd December 1925, has been received.

Resolution.—The sale is confirmed.

16. To sanction an estimate for Rs. 1,220 for digging a well in the Poor House Block, Basavanagudi.

Resolution.—Sanctioned.

17. To sanction the employment of two more sweepers for the New Market on Rs. 11 each per month, as per recommendation of the Market Committee dated 14th September 1925.

Resolution.—Sanctioned.

18. To consider letter No. H. C. 475 of 24-25, dated 9th January 1926, from the Inspector-General of Education in Mysore, Bangalore, forwarding a list of Primary Schools in Bangalore City, for which grants have to be increased as per Government Order No. E. 1833 35—Edn. 37-24-21, dated 15th October 1925 and requesting the opinion of the Council to give effect to the increased grants from 1st July 1925.

Resolution.—The Council approve of the increased grants being given effect to from 1st July 1925.

19. To sanction the acquisition of Mr. Akkappa's property to the north of his shop No. 232 to widen the Taluk Cutcherry Road, as per recommendation of the Municipal City Improvement Committee dated 6th January 1926.

Resolution.—The acquisition is sanctioned.

20. To consider Health Officer's memo, dated 12th January 1926, in the matter of giving promotions to the Sanitary Inspectors, Messrs. V. Kumaraswami Mudaliar, N. Ranganatha Iyengar and M. Narahari Sastry.

Resolution.—Resolved that the Municipal Commissioner will kindly investigate the question and place it before the Managing Committee in the first instance.

21. To approve Health Officer's memo No. 1262, dated 4th January 1926, suggesting the appointment of persons trained in Vaccination to the vacant posts of Sub-Registrars of Births and Deaths so that the system of vaccinators may be done away with eventually.

Resolution.—The suggestion of the Health Officer is approved.

22. To consider the application of Mr. C. Hari Rao, Cashier, City Municipal Office, for the grant of the maximum pay of the appointment, (Rs. 45-3/1—60) and the Municipal Commissioner's recommendation thereon.

Resolution.—Resolved that Mr. C. Hari Rao, Cashier, be given the maximum pay of Rs. 60 with effect from the 1st January 1926.

No. 36.

PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BANGALORE, HELD ON SATURDAY THE 20TH FEBRUARY 1926, AT 8 A.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Members.

Present ... 17 | Absent ... 13.

Letter from Mr. B. N. Vijayadeva, Municipal Councillor, expressing his inconvenience to be present at the meeting was read and recorded.

Subjects.

1. To sanction an estimate for Rs. 2,832 for the construction of a dressed stone parapet wall round the top of the four towers of the Market Frontage in preference to cement plastered brick masonry parapet wall, the extra cost involved being Rs. 2,132.

Resolution.—Sanctioned,

(Mr. N. G. Sanjiviah proposed that the work should be executed by calling for tenders. Though the President explained that this was only a part of a bigger work, which was already sanctioned and disposed of by tenders and that for this part work alone tenders could not be invited, the mover insisted on his proposition being considered. He was permitted to move the proposition. But it was lost as there was no seconder.)

2. To sanction an estimate aggregating to Rs. 7,778, for installing ornamental street lights in New Market Circle by removing the overhead existing street and incandescent lines and for providing ornamental lamps in front of the New Market and New Band Stand fed by incandescent circuit.

Resolution.—Sanctioned.

3. To consider memo No. 1,554, dated 12th February 1926, from the Health Officer, requesting sanction for a contribution of Rs. 150 out of the Budget allotment under the head "Lady Health Visitor" for holding the National Baby Week and Baby Shows, proposed to be held soon.

Resolution.—Sanctioned.

4. To accept a tender for the supply of furniture required for the Municipal Primary Schools.

Resolution.—The tender of Chenna Thimmaiah for Rs. 1,750-12-0, being the lowest is accepted.

5. To sanction an estimate for Rs. 1,900 for digging a drawing well in front of Mr. Raja Venkatasubbiah's building in Chamarajpet, in order to pump water for feeding the reservoir sanctioned to be constructed in the Idiga Maidan to afford additional supply of water to the residents of Chamrajpet.

Resolution.—Sanctioned.

6. To approve the proposal of the City Improvement Committee in the matter of allotment and sale of sites in the New Bamboo Bazaar, to all persons now trading in bamboo and timber in the Old Bamboo Bazaar in the Hoskote Road.

Also petition, dated 19th February 1926 from Byrappa and others.

The President made a statement explaining the previous history of the case and the necessity of shifting the bamboo trade from the present locality and the well considered recommendation of the Municipal City Improvement Committee.

Resolution.—The following resolutions were then unanimously passed.

(1) Resolved that the proposals of the Municipal City Improvement Committee allotting sites to all the merchants now trading in the existing Bamboo Bazaar as timber and bamboo merchants and selling or leasing the same to them on the conditions mentioned in the resolutions of the City Improvement Committee be unanimously approved and the same be given effect to at the earliest opportunity.

(2) Resolved further that in the matter of the petition, dated 19th February 1926 from M. Byrappa, B. Syed Ibrahim and 23 others, alleging to be bamboo merchants, the Council note with regret that as several of the allegations made therein are incorrect, the petition be summarily rejected.

7. To extend the time for the submission of the Sub-Committee's report *re* irregularities in the Accounts and Collection Branches till the 15th March 1926.

Resolution.—Approved.

No. 37.

PROCEEDINGS OF AN ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BANGALORE, HELD ON SATURDAY THE 6TH MARCH 1926, AT 8 A.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Members.

Present ... 19 | Absent ... 11

The proceedings of the Council meetings, dated 6th, 8th, 9th, 13th and 20th February 1926, were read and recorded.

2. The interpellations of Mr. B. L. Byanna, regarding the (1) the publication of a press communique in the "Daily Post" of the 1st February 1926 and (2) the temporary appointment of one S. Srinivasa Rao, in the Octroi Office were read and answered.

3. Letter dated 5th March 1926, from Mr. B. V. Krishniengar, Municipal Councillor, stating that owing to extraordinary domestic troubles, he was compelled to stay away from the Council meetings and that if the rules should permit he should like to continue as a member of the Council was read.

After some discussion as to the legal aspect of the question, the following proposition proposed by Mr. R. Gopalaswami Iyer and seconded by Mr. C. N. Narasinga Rao, was put to vote and carried, 15 voting "For" and "none" against.

"Resolved that Mr. B V Krishniengar, be permitted to continue as Councillor as per his request contained in the letter, dated 5th March 1926."

4. The only tender of D. Venkataramanappa, for digging a well in Chamrajpet, V Main Road, in front of Raja Venkatâsubbayya's Choultry for Rs. 1,952-3-8, is approved.

Deferred Subjects.

1. To sanction the acquisition of the following properties as per recommendation of the Municipal City Improvement Committee, dated 22nd January 1926 :—

A portion of property bearing Municipal Nos. 208, 209, 210, 25, 203, 23/1, 24, 214, 215, 216, 217, 23 and 22, situated to the east of the New Market rear yard to provide for a conservancy lane to lead the sewage into main drain and to construct Grain Bazaar.

Resolution.—The recommendation of the Municipal City Improvement Committee for the acquisition of these properties is approved.

Ordinary Subjects.

10. To approve of the Municipal Engineer's, Memo No. 1985, dated 19th January 1926, recommending that 33 sites of Block No. 1, situated to the south of Gangammacherry be sold by public auction in modification of the Council resolution, dated 9th June 1923.

Resolution.—The Municipal Engineer's recommendation is approved and the 33 sites in Block I, is to be sold by public auction.

11. To consider the question of granting permission to Mr. N. Venkatesha Iyengar to start a tannery on his agricultural land, Survey No. 37/3, Gavipur Village.

Resolution.—Resolved unanimously that the recommendation of the Health Committee, dated January 1926, regarding the grant of conditional permission to Mr. N. Venkatesa Iyengar, for the construction of a tannery be approved.

It was further resolved, 10 voting "For" and 4 "Against", that the conditions imposed by the Health Committee, be communicated to the applicant Mr. N. Venkatesa Iyengar and his approval obtained before taking further action in the matter.

The meeting was then adjourned to the 13th instant at 8 A.M., for want of time.

No. 38.

PROCEEDINGS OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BANGALORE, HELD ON SATURDAY THE 13TH MARCH 1926, AT 8 A.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Members.

Present	21	Absent	9

Before opening the proceedings of the day, the President informed the Council with profound regret that the late Commissioner, Mr. M. G. Krishnasami Rao, B.A., who was still on leave, passed away from this world on Sunday last (7th instant), that the news of the sudden death came by surprise on one and all, that though it was reported that he was slowly improving, the fates willed otherwise and that he belonged to a high and noble family and was a perfect gentleman in every sense of the word, and proposed that a vote of condolence be passed and communicated to the surviving members of his family.

Messrs. C. Hayavadana Rao, B. N. Vijayadeva, G. Paramasiviah, S. N. Seetharama Rao, M. Royan, D. Venkataramiah, S. N. M. Razvi, N. G. Sanjeeviah, B. L. Byanna, R. Gopalaswami Iyer, and P. Subbarama Chetty all spoke in appreciative terms of the many good qualities of head and heart of the late Mr. M. G. Krishnasami Rao, of the excellent services he rendered to the State and latterly to the Municipality for over 30 years and of the irreparable loss which the State has substained by his early death.

The following resolutions were then passed unanimously, all the Councillors and the staff standing :—

1. Resolved that this Council do place on record their great regret at the sad and untimely death of Mr. M. G. Krishnaswami Rao, Municipal Commissioner, on leave, which sad event took place on Sunday the 7th instant at his residence in Basavangudi, Bangalore.

2. Resolved further that this Council do place on record its appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him to the City Municipality during the period he held the offices of the Vice-President and Municipal Commissioner.

3. Resolved also that copies of the above resolutions be forwarded to the family of the late Commissioner.

Mr. S. Venkatarangaiengar then proposed and Mr. S. N. M. Razvi seconded that as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. M. G. Krishnasami Rao, the meeting be adjourned.

Both the Special and adjourned Meetings notified for this day were accordingly adjourned to Wednesday the 17th March 1926 at 5-30 P.M.

MOHAMED ABBAS KHAN,